

House Bill 1115

By: Representatives Hanner of the 148th, Greene of the 149th, Rynders of the 152nd, Sims of the 151st, Dukes of the 150th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide time requirements for the credentialing of hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers by a new third-party administrator of the state employees' health insurance plan; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding a new Code section to the end of such article to read as follows:

"45-18-20.

At any time in which the board selects and enters into a contract with a new third party to administer health benefits under this article, the new third-party administrator shall be required to complete the credentialing process on any hospital, physician, or other health care provider:

(1) Within seven days of entering into a contract with the board to reapprove any hospital, physician, or other health care provider that had been approved and credentialed by the third-party administrator immediately preceding the new third-party administrator; and

(2) Within 30 days of entering into a contract with the board to approve any hospital, physician, or other health care provider that is to be newly approved and credentialed by the third-party administrator.

1 The board shall have the authority to grant, in its sole discretion, up to 21 additional days
2 to the third-party administrator with respect to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Code section
3 if the administrator can demonstrate due diligence in its efforts to meet such time
4 requirements. The requirements of this Code section shall be included in the contract
5 entered into between the board and the third-party administrator."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 This Act shall apply to all plan years beginning on and after January 1, 2007.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
10 without such approval.

11 **SECTION 4.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.